Closure of post offices

884. DR. K. MALAISAMY: SHRIS.ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of functioning post offices have been closed as a measure of economy;
- (b) whether this reduction of post offices been introduced first in Tamil Nadu, if so, how many post offices-have been closed down so far and how many more are yet to be done;
- (c) the alternative arrangement made to substitute this facility enjoyed for the last 6 to 7 decades;
- (d) whether in the present process of reduction, there would be only one post office for more than 2 km. Radius; and
- (e) would umpteen number of facilities in existence be withdrawn in the name of economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view Of (a) above.

Telephone exchanges in Rajasthan

885. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of telephone exchanges functioning in Rajasthan and their exchange-wise capacity as on date;
- (b) whether Government propose to increase the present capacity of the existing telephone exchanges and also to open some new telephone exchanges;